

The Building Buzz is a monthly bulletin intended to highlight key happenings at the NSSC. For up-to-date information, check out the NSSC Employee Homepage at internal.nssc.nasa.gov. Submit your department milestones to NSSC-CUST-SAT-and-COMM@nasa.gov.

NSSC Purchase Card Team Attends GSA SmartPay Training Forum

Members of the NSSC Purchase Card Team are attending the GSA SmartPay Training Forum in Phoenix, AZ. The focus of this training event is to teach personnel who manage Agency Purchase, Travel and Fleet Card Programs the importance of data analytics, strengthening internal controls and enhancing program oversight via audits. This forum also provides sessions on sharing agencies’ best practices, preventing and identifying fraud, strategic sourcing as well as offers the opportunity for networking with colleagues from other agencies.



From left to right: Christine Faulkner, Suzanne Honeycutt, Terri Harrison, Susan Langdon and Cathy Dore. Back row: David Shea (GSA Director of the Center for Charge Card Management) and Erin Vandagna (GSA Deputy Director of the Center for Charge Card Management)

Update on Center Transitions of Purchase Card Programs to the NSSC

On July 25, 2017, the NSSC briefed a successful Operational Readiness Review (ORR) resulting in Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) transitioning their Purchase Card Program to the NSSC on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Marshall Space Flight Center has 226 p-card accounts and 99 approving officials. MSFC made over 13,000 p-card transactions in FY16 and spent \$9.3M using the purchase card.

Some members of the NSSC P-Card Team are traveling to Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) the week of August 14th for the site visit in preparation to transition the largest of the NASA Centers (GSFC) to the NSSC. Goddard Space Flight Center currently has approximately 546 cardholders and 172 approving officials. In FY16, GSFC spent \$14.1M using the purchase card with over 21,000 transactions.

While at GSFC, the NSSC Team will host seven Town Hall Meetings with cardholders and approving officials to brief them on transition activities and provide information on the “How, When and Why” the transition is taking place. The targeted go-live date for the GSFC transition is October 1, 2017.

2017 Total Solar Eclipse

For the first time since 1918, a total solar eclipse will stretch across the United States on August 21. The eclipse will stretch from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. The path of totality will cut through 14 different states. The rest of the U.S. will have partial coverage. Here on the grounds of Stennis Space Center, viewers will see about 75% coverage.

The NSSC has partnered with Stennis Space Center to host events to engage employees. On the day of the eclipse, the NSSC Lobby and the Atrium in building 1100 will have activities set up for all employees on site. Protective glasses will be available to view the eclipse from any area outside where one is able to see the sun. The events will run from 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. in both locations.

The eclipse will be able to be seen from 11:58 a.m. until 2:57 p.m. Maximum coverage will be at 1:30 p.m.



NSSC Holds Annual Honor Awards Ceremony

On July 26th, the NSSC held the annual NSSC Honor Awards Ceremony. Eight individual and five group awards were distributed at the event. The event was hosted by Alison Butsch and awards were presented by Deputy Associate Administrator of the Mission Support Directorate Dan Tenney and Acting Executive Director Anita Harrell. Be sure to check out all the event photos on the N: drive!

Award winners were as follows:

- Carrie Pohto-Outstanding Public Leadership Medal
- Teri Green-Exceptional Service Medal
- Troy Chivers-Exceptional Public Service Medal
- Desiree Oliver-Exceptional Public Service Medal
- Chris Bridges-Exceptional Achievement Medal
- Elizabeth Edwards-Early Career Public Achievement Medal
- Paul Laurenzi-Certificate of Achievement
- Gary Walker-Certificate of Achievement
- NASA SAT Transition Team
- NCCIPS—NASA Working Capital Fund Business Model Team
- NSSC HR—Presidential Rank Award Team
- FEGLI Open Season 2016 Team



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| Back to School Bash | August 9 |
| Pop Up Sale | August 16 |
| Kona Ice | August 17 |
| Total Solar Eclipse | August 21 |
| Quarterly Awards Ceremony | August 31 |